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Greetings!

Each year students from around the United States take part in the Congressional Art Competition to have their artwork displayed here at the U.S. Capitol.

Enclosed with this letter is all the information you will need to help your students submit their art for this wonderful event. I would suggest that you make these guidelines available to your school's art classes and to all students who might be interested and meet the eligibility requirements.

This is our third year participating in the Congressional Art Competition and this year's theme is "*Artists' Choice*." I want students to express themselves and their artistic talents in this year's competition in any way that inspires them.

The deadline for entries is **Friday, April 15, 2011**. Entries should be delivered or mailed to your Congressional Office on Saipan, Rota or Tinian, open weekdays 8:00am-5:00pm.

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If you have any questions please contact Michelle Tenorio in our Washington, DC office at michelle.tenorio@mail.house.gov, Phone: toll free (877)446-3465, Paula Bermudes-Castro at our Saipan Office at paula-bermudes-castro@mail.house.gov, Phone: (670)323-2647/8, Harry Masga at our Rota District Office at harry.masga@mail.house.gov, Phone: (670) 532-2647 and Matthew Masga at our Tinian District Office at matthew.masga@mail.house.gov, Phone: (670) 433-2647.

Sincerely,



GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN
Member of Congress



2011 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Official Guidelines

The competition is open to high school student's grades 9th through 12th in the Northern Mariana Islands.

In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced. Artwork must conform to these restrictions:

- Artwork must be two dimensional
- Each piece can be **no larger** than 28"x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame.
- Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not be accepted**. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:
 - ❖ Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - ❖ Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - ❖ Collage: must be two dimensional
 - ❖ Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - ❖ Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - ❖ Computer-generated art
 - ❖ Photography

A typed and securely affixed large label must be attached to the back of the artwork (see sample below). Each work must have a label with this information securely applied to the back:

Student Name
Address
Phone No.
Title
Medium
Member's Name
State and District

A **TYPED** copy of the Student Information & Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. The **winning artist's** Student Information & Release Form should also be **emailed to michelle.tenorio@mail.house.gov** attn: 2011 Art Competition, **as soon as we have chosen a winning artwork**. Winner will be notified with further information after judging. (If selected as the winner, there will be framing guidelines that are required)

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2011 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

****Artwork must be submitted no later than****

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2011 Congressional Art Competition

Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION

MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:

STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME:

GRADE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

STUDENT EMAIL:

T-SHIRT SIZE:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):

PARENT PHONE:

PARENT WORK PHONE:

SCHOOL

SCHOOL NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

ART TEACHER NAME:

ART COMPETITION ENTRY

TITLE OF ENTRY:

MEDIUM:

DESCRIPTION:

FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches

See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

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STUDENT NAME:

STATE:

TITLE OF ENTRY:

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work or authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE

We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in *An Artistic Discovery* (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)

I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.

MEMBER SIGNATURE

PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME

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